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ENCINO NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL  
BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, January 23, 2013

Approved Minutes

**1. CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE, ROLL CALL, DETERMINATION OF QUORUM**

The meeting was called to order at 7:09 P.M. by President Glenn Bailey. LAPD West Valley Commander John Egan led the pledge of allegiance. Roll call was taken and it was determined that there was a quorum with the presence of 16 (later increased to 17) voting members and alternates based on the following:

Members and voting alternates present: Kathy Moghimi-Patterson, Stacie de Armas Shrinsky, Sherman Gamson, Eliot Cohen (alternate for absent member Victoria Miller), Todd Rubinstein, Marly Tempel (who left before the meeting ended) Debra Lee George, John Tashstchian, Hrag Kitsinian (arrived around 8:00 P.M.-during consideration of Item 5), Talar Dardarian, Glenn Bailey, Jason Ackerman, Ken Silk, Alicia Herring, John Arnstein, Debbie Watson, Gerald Silver and Melissa Loeffler (alternate for absent member Keven Steinberg). Other alternates present: Mia Howard Rubinstein, Sharon Brewer, Norma Landau, Steven DeVore, Fred Myer and Laurie Kelson.

Members absent: Victoria Miller, Diane Rosen and Keven Steinberg.

Alternates absent: Herbert Strickstein, Gil Spiegel, Art Sherman and Jeremy Erlandsen.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES** The minutes of the October 24, 2012 Board meeting (the Board had previously deferred consideration) were approved without objection. The Minutes of the last Board meeting held on December 26, 2012 were distributed and approved without objection.

**2.8 REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICIALS AND DEPARTMENTS** LAPD West Valley Commander John Egan spoke and referred to the Park and Municipal Code 63.44 Officer Trulik spoke and answered questions. He referred to police covering local schools.

**2.9 REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES** Councilmember Koretz's deputy Jeff Ebenstein spoke and among items he referred to were to lower crime figures, the Sepulveda Basin, Paul Koretz' Valley hours and availability of sandbags at the Fire Station. Koretz's Deputy Shawn Bayliss was also present and stated he did not know yet of the date when the City Council would consider a motion regarding the Community Care Facility.

**3. APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS** John Arnstein distributed separate expense reports for October, November and December 2012. A motion to approve the reports was made by John Arnstein, seconded by Eliot Cohen and adopted by a vote of 16-1. John reported that

only \$20,000 had been committed and almost all of this was for staff. He urged committees to let him know if funds that had been provided for had been expended. John stated if available funds were not used the funds would be lost (i.e. revert to the City).

4. CONSENT ITEMS The agenda listed items marked a-n and an item o which was moved to Item 16c. The President referred to each item and asked if any member wanted to pull the item. Items l, m, and n were pulled and the meeting adjourned before these items could be considered. A motion was made by Gerald Silver, seconded by Sherman Gamson and adopted unanimously to approve the remaining (i.e. unpulled) consent items, which consisted of the following recommendations that had been adopted without opposition by the following respective committees indicated in parenthesis:

a-To do outreach tabling at local Encino coffee shops and grocery stores once a week. (Outreach Committee)

b-To participate with a booth at Taste of Encino event to be held on Sunday October 13, 2013. (Outreach Committee)

c-That the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers provide adequate advance email notice at least 60 days prior to any action to both Neighborhood Councils in the Sepulveda Basin, the Encino and Lake Balboa NCs, of any and all proposed projects and actions, whether or not an environmental impact is anticipated. (Parks Committee)

d-That the Encino Neighborhood Council supports the Sepulveda Basin wildlife habitat motion of Councilmember Jan Perry (Council File 13-0024) and recommends that the motion also be referred to the Ad Hoc River Committee and that a Community Impact Statement be filed by the ENC. (Parks Committee)

e-That the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers make a clear determination that the 48 acre Wildlife Area south of Burbank Boulevard is an open public space and a wildlife reserve that will not be closed to the public. (Parks Committee).

f-That the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers bear all costs related to repair and mitigating damage to hardscape and vegetation originally paid for with local and federal funds as the result of recent USACE damage to sensitive habitats in the 48 acre Wildlife Area south of Burbank Boulevard. (Parks Committee)

g-That the ENC support Alternative C of the Rim of the Valley Corridor Special Resource Study as prepared by the National Park Service as it includes the Sepulveda Basin, Los Angeles River, and Los Encinos State Historic Park and all of Encino and that the ENC also encourage the additional inclusion of Alternate D for maximum connectivity of natural habitats. (Parks Committee)

h-To re-support the original motion in 2010 regarding Case No. ZA 2009 0755 CU PAL concerning a school located at 6100, 6112, and 6120 Lindley Avenue and 18051 Topham Street (Planning and Use Committee)

i-That ENC Board meeting dates for 2013 will be held on the regular fourth Wednesday of the month except for November and December when there will be instead only one meeting held on December 11, 2013. (Executive Committee)

j-To authorize the filing of Community Impact Statement supporting the Mayor's appointment of Grayce Liu as permanent General Manager of the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) (CF 12-1934) (Executive Committee).

k-That the determination of whether there is any variance between motions adopted in 2012 to amend the ENC Bylaws regarding removal and the provisions in the current Bylaws and the proposal of an appropriate motion to remedy any such inconsistency be referred to the Bylaws Committee. (Executive Committee).

5. FILLING OF VACANCY The President announced that Eliot Cohen applied for the vacancy in the office of Religious Representative and referred to DONE's statement indicating what should be established for qualification. Eliot Cohen spoke and referred to the basis for his qualification for the position. A motion was made by John Tashstchian and seconded by Todd Rubinstein to postpone consideration of the designation of Eliot Cohen to the next Board meeting. After debate a motion to close debate was adopted by a vote of 9 Yes, 5 No and 2 Abstentions. The motion to postpone consideration was then adopted by a vote of 9 Yes 6 No and 2 Abstentions.

6. SEATING APPLICANTS AND OATH There were no applicants to be seated. All members and alternates who were seated at the meeting stated they had previously been sworn in.

7. INTRODUCTIONS Former ENC President Louis Krokover was announced.

8. REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICIALS This agenda item was considered early – see 2.8.

9 REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES- This agenda item was considered early - see 2.9.

#### 10.GUEST SPEAKERS.

a- Daisie Cristobal Sanchez, Education Project Manager of Southern California Gas Company. distributed documents regarding Advanced Meter Project. She spoke about the advanced meter and its benefits.

b-Laurie Kelson spoke about the status of the Metro study on the Sepulveda Transit Corridor.

c-The NC Budget Advocates for Southwest Valley Region were not present but the President stated they would be meeting in the Valley on January 31<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 P.M.

11. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON AGENDA ITEMS There was comment by Shant Hagopian who stated he believed there was a “push back” of stakeholders and by Mark Herd about his candidacy for City Council in the 5<sup>th</sup> District.

12. OLD BUSINESS-There was none.

#### 13. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

a- Executive orders-None issued.

b-Workshop It was announced that the ENC Retreat will hereinafter be referred to as ENC Workshop and was planned for Saturday February 9, 2013 between 10:00 A.M. and 2:00 P.M. at the Tillman Water Reclamation Plant/Japanese Garden. A motion to approve the aforementioned plans for the Workshop was made by John Arnstein and adopted by a vote of 16-0-0. It was stated John Arnstein would prepare an agenda.

c-The President urged that ENC be a co-sponsor of a Neighborhood Council Town Hall Forum on the Los Angeles March 2013 Primary Election Measure A (Sales Tax Increase) to be held on February 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 P.M. at Cleveland High School in Reseda and a motion for ENC to be a co-sponsor was made by John Arnstein and adopted by a vote of 16-0-0.

d- The President urged support of LANCC's action demanding that the City Council's decision on the \$3 billion street repair bond be postponed until adequate outreach and at least 60 days is provided to allow Neighborhood councils to review and make recommendations (CF 13-1300-SI). A motion to so support this LANCC action was made by Gerald Silver, seconded and adopted by a vote of 16-0-0.

e-The President referred to a grievance regarding committee appointments that was filed by the Homeowners of Encino. Gerald Silver ceased participating as a Board member at the discussion and his alternate Norma Landau took his seat. Gerald Silver spoke about the grievance in his capacity of President of Homeowners. Todd Rubinstein spoke and asserted there was no merit to the claim regarding committee appointments. There were comments by other board members and the public. The President stated he would check with DONE to ascertain if this was a proper subject for a grievance.

14 VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT The Vice President reported on committees.

15 SECRETARY'S REPORT Kenneth Silk stated rules about absences applied to alternates.

16. TREASURER'REPORT (See Item 3 above)

a-A motion to reallocate \$100 previously approved for VANC Planning Forum held in November 2012 to instead to be used on the VANC 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mixer on March 14, 2013 was made by John Arnstein, seconded and adopted by vote of 16-0-0.

b-It was announced that a request for \$750 for the annual Senior Symposium was referred to the Finance Committee.

c-A motion to authorize up to \$500 to Stone Fire as vendor to partially offset food expenses for Daddy-Daughter Prom to be held at the Encino Community Center on February 15, 2013 was made by Glenn Bailey, seconded by John Arnstein and adopted unanimously with one abstention.

17 SERGEANT AT ARMS REPORT It was reported that the mandatory ethics requirement has been completed by all members and all but a few alternates. It was further reported that a member or alternate could not vote until the requirement was completed.

18 ADJOURNMENT The meeting adjourned at 9:21 P.M. and the agenda stated the next meeting would be on Wednesday February 27, 2013.

Submitted by Kenneth Silk, Secretary